

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) 2009 Influenza A(H1N1) Monovalent Vaccine Provider Agreement is designed for anyone who will be receiving the H1N1 vaccine directly from McKesson and any entity receiving redistributed vaccine. This agreement is designed to help maintain the vaccine inventory through the Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) and to manage the vaccine allotment per each Local Health Department (LHD). ISDH is providing this provider agreement to all LHD's to complete. Additionally, each LHD will provide this agreement to all the providers that they identify who will be receiving and administering the H1N1 vaccine. The LHD is responsible for approving all agreements and then sending them to ISDH. Only one binding individual needs to sign the agreement for each location/clinic/facility, not each provider. In short, any entity taking responsibility for the vaccine must sign the agreement.

A few examples:

(1) A LHD contracts with Visiting Nurse Service (VNS) to administer vaccine on their behalf at the fairgrounds. VNS is required to sign the provider agreement. (Each actual vaccinator employed by VNS is NOT required to individually sign the agreement, just the individual authorized to bind VNS to the terms and conditions.) Note that in this scenario, the LHD is not responsible for the vaccine. If the LHD were conducting the vaccination clinic at the fairgrounds and just using VNS staff as augmentation, VNS would not need to sign the provider agreement as the LHD is responsible for the vaccine. You should consider incorporating certain provisions of the provider agreement into your contract with VNS.

(2) A LHD authorizes the local hospital to receive a direct shipment of vaccine for use in vaccinating the hospitals health care workers/employees. The hospital is required to sign the provider agreement.

(3) A LHD authorizes the local hospital network to receive a direct shipment of vaccine. That hospital has agreed to redistribute the vaccine among 10 off-campus (affiliated) physician offices and 2 (affiliated) hospitals. The hospital network as well as an individual at each physician office and each hospital must sign the provider agreement and turn it in to their respective LHD for a total of 13 provider agreements for this network. (It is the same situation for physicians with multiple practices who are authorized to receive redistributed vaccine or a direct shipment.)

(4) All providers must sign the provider agreement in order to receive vaccine (regardless of quantity) for their patients and/or staff. An alternative is to have their staff go to the LHD for administration of the H1N1 vaccine, in which case a provider agreement is not needed.